



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Chen, et al.

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For: Planarization of Substrates Using
Electrochemical Mechanical
Polishing

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED AUGUST 20, 2003

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 20, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5699/BTP, the fee of \$438.00 for fifteen (15) excess claims and two (2) additional independent claims, and any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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